

## REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment has been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a more proper U.S. format. In particular, typographical errors found in the originally submitted application and grammatical and idiomatic inconsistencies have been corrected by amendment to the specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Claims, namely the Amendment claims filed during the International stage, have been amended so as to conform with U.S. requirements, and to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 6-7, 9-10, and 14-15.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present Amendment be entered prior to an initial Official Action on the present application

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

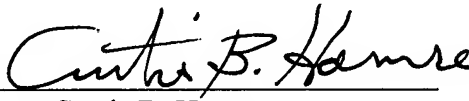
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 455.3802.

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